

***** Appendix B *****

**Maine Fire Protection Services Commission
Training Facilities Committee Report
May 2004**



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MAINE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION
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Dear Friend-

The Maine Fire Protection Services Commission was established by the Maine Legislature to monitor and evaluate the state's fire protection services system on a continuing basis and to provide recommendations to the Governor, appropriate state agencies and the Legislature regarding necessary changes in the fire protection services system.

The Fire Commission was recently directed by the Legislature to study and assess the existing and needed resources within the State's fire protection services system (including capital needs for training facilities, funding options for facilities and oversight of any training facilities funds).

Such a detailed study would be impossible without the cooperation and feedback from the firefighter and EMS services- the men and women who are dependent on these training resources and who respond on a daily basis to the needs of Maine's citizens.

The following questionnaire is designed to only require a few minutes of your time, yet when the results are compiled it will provide the Fire Commission with a detailed assessment of existing and needed resources at the state, regional and local levels. The Fire Commission will make its report on the status of Maine's firefighter and EMS training system to the 121st Legislature in January 2003. Your accurate and timely responses will be critical to the recommendations included in that report.

Thank you for assisting the Fire Commission with this project and for your prompt response using the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

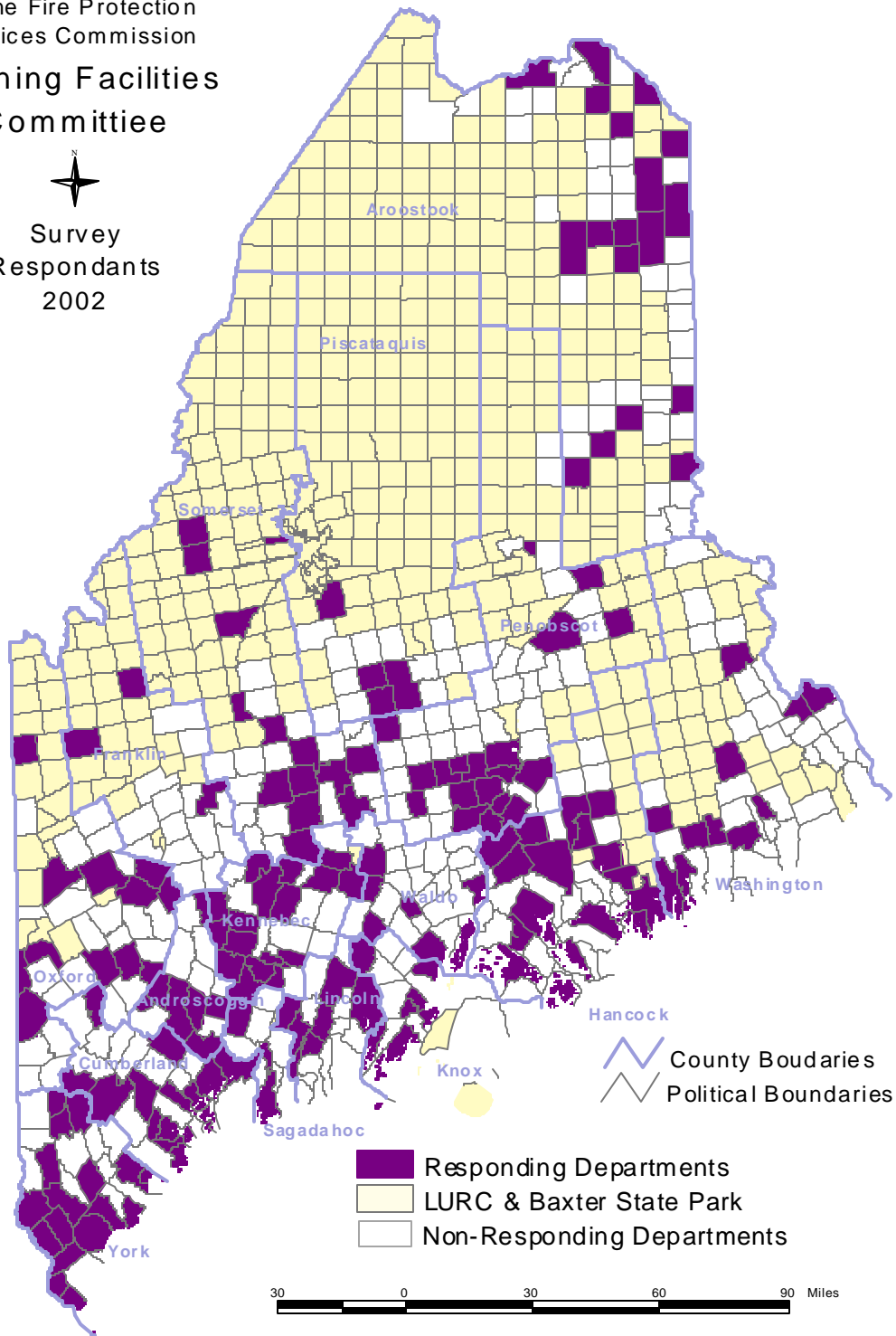
Respectfully,

Senator William B. O'Gara
Chair
Maine Fire Protection
Services Commission

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Respondants
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Maine Fire Protection Services Commission Questionnaire

Please refer to the following course definitions when answering the questions:

CORE – Skills provided prior to assignment as an emergency responder and practiced regularly, such as: Firefighter- FF1, Driver/Operator, HazMat Operations and EMS- State licensing requirements)

ENHANCED– Skills necessary to meet specific and higher hazard emergencies, such as: Firefighter- Technical rescue, WMD, commercial and industrial fire suppression and EMS- Injury Prevention, HazMat Operations, and AVOC)

SPECIALTY – Skills necessary to manage highly dangerous incidents with potential for widespread and deadly consequences, such as: Firefighter- HazMat/WMD Technician, advanced technical rescue, and aircraft firefighting and EMS- Water, high angle, and wilderness rescue)

1) How many members did you train last year in the following types of courses?

Core	Specialty	Enhanced

2) Approximately how many training hours did each member average last year?

Core	Specialty	Enhanced

3) Do you anticipate that these numbers will change during the coming year? *(Please circle)*

Yes / No / Don't know

a) If yes, do you anticipate this number will: Increase? / Decrease? *(Please circle)*

4) When are you most likely to train members of your organization? *(Please answer for each category)*

Type of training	Weekdays	Evenings	Weekends
Core			
Enhanced			
Specialized			

5) To help us determine the need for centralized, regional and local training centers, how far would you be willing to send your personnel to attend training in the following categories? *(Please answer for each category)*

	Less than 25 miles	26-50 miles	Over 50 miles
Core			
Enhanced			
Specialized			

6) **Do you have your own facility where you are able to offer the following types of training?** *(Please circle one for each category)*

Core	Enhanced	Specialty
Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No

7) **How would you describe the condition of your current training facility?**

Our training facility is adequate and does not currently require additional repairs/renovations.
(Please circle) Yes / No

	Less than \$ 500	\$ 500 to \$ 1,000	\$ 1,000 to \$ 5,000	More than \$ 5,000
If your training facility needs repairs, what do you estimate these repairs/upgrades would cost your department?				

8) **Which type of facility would your department find the most valuable?** *(Please use the back of the questionnaire if you wish to make comments)*

	Most Valuable	Very Valuable	Somewhat Valuable	Not Valuable
A centralized training facility within Maine?				
A regional training facility? Where?				
A local training facility? Where?				
Other (provide comments)				

9) **What specialized training needs do you have for your department?** *(Please use the back of the questionnaire if you need additional space)*

10) **Please tell us about the staffing of your department:**

# Volunteers members	# On Call members	# Career members

Name of Agency _____
 Agency Contact _____
 Address _____

 County _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Describe your agency:

- ☐ Fire only
☐ EMS only
☐ Combined

THANK YOU!

In cooperation with the Maine Fire Chiefs, the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission asks you to answer the following questions. Please return both questionnaires in your self-addressed stamped envelope. Thank you for your help.

1. **What is the total number of EMS personnel in your department?** _____
Paramedics _____
Intermediates _____
Basics _____
First responder _____

2. **Does your department have Internet access or expect to have Internet access within the next two years?**
Yes _____
No _____

3. **Please estimate the percentage of your members with Internet access at home, or expect to have Internet access at home within the next two years?**
25% _____
50% _____
75% _____
90% _____
ALL _____

4. **Currently, Maine EMS allows 50% of required CEHs to be acquired on-line. If an affordable on-line program was available and your members could get all, but skill CEH, on-line- would you be interested in the training?**
Yes _____
No _____
More info _____

5. **There are many companies offering approved, quality on-line EMS training programs at various prices. We have found that by combining our purchasing power, significant savings can be realized. How much would your department or members be willing to pay, per person, annually for quality on-line training that is available 24/7?**
Less than \$15.00 _____
\$15-\$25.00 _____
\$25- \$50.00 _____
Not interested _____

Please return completed survey to:

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission
52 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Or email to: spinette@suscom-maine.net

Thank you!!

(Questions 1 - 4)

Appendix B

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Final Summary					May 2003					(Questions 5 & 6)						
5 Distance Willing to Travel																
Staffing Type	Dept Type		CATEGORY													
			Core			Enhanced			Specialty		under 25					
	Fire Only	87	55	26	11	25	39	18	20	31	25	26-50 miles				
	EMS Only	22	11	11	1	9	12	0	8	11	2	over 50				
	Fire&EMS	75	56	20	7	26	40	13	16	27	33					
			ref = linked 5&17													
	Vol/OnCall	125	76	43	14	40	57	23	32	46	34					
	Combined	52	40	10	3	18	27	7	9	17	24					

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Final Summary May 2003				(Question 8)		
8 Most valuable type of training facility						
Staffing Type	Dept Type		CATEGORY			
	Fire Only	Depts	Most Value	Very	Somewhat	No Value
	Centralized	65	12	10	28	16
	Regional	73	22	32	16	3
	Local	73	57	13	1	1
	Other	4	0	2	2	0
	EMS Only	Depts	Most Value	Very	Somewhat	No Value
	Centralized	17	1	1	10	5
	Regional	20	6	8	3	3
Staffing Type	Local	20	12	5	3	1
	Other	1	1	0	0	0
	Fire&EMS	Depts	Most Value	Very	Somewhat	No Value
	Centralized	70	14	12	29	16
	Regional	69	21	29	17	2
	Local	65	51	10	3	1
	Other	8	6	1	1	0
			ref = linked 8&17			
Staffing Type	Vol/OnCall	Depts	Most Value	Very	Somewhat	No Value
	Centralized	99	13	15	44	28
	Regional	107	33	46	23	5
	Local	104	80	19	3	2
	Other	6	4	1	1	0
	Combined	Depts	Most Value	Very	Somewhat	No Value
	Centralized	44	12	7	20	5
Staffing Type	Regional	45	14	19	9	3
	Local	45	34	7	3	1
	Other	7	3	2	2	0
	Career	Depts	Most Value	Very	Somewhat	No Value
	Centralized	6	1	2	2	1
	Regional	7	1	3	3	0
	Local	6	4	1	0	1
	Other	1	0	0	0	1
			ref = linked 8&10			

(Questions 12 through 15)

Staffing Type			CATEGORY				
		FD's	< \$15	\$15-25	\$25-50	No Interest	
	Fire Only	68	16	18	16	18	
	EMS Only	22	8	6	5	3	
	Fire&EMS	74	15	34	21	4	
			ref = linked 15&17				
	Vol/OnCall	106	22	38	26	18	
	Combined	47	12	16	13	6	
	Career	7	3	2	1	1	
			ref = linked 15&10				